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SUBJECT: NATO APPEALS BOARD: SPECIAL PROCEDURE

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1. SUMMARY: THE WAY YOU HANDLED THIS MATTER AT
THE JANUARY 16 PRIVATE MEETING WAS EXACTLY RIGHT, AND
IS ENTIRELY IN LINE WITH OUR CONCLUSION, I.E. THAT
THE FRENCH SHOULD NOT BE PERMITTED TO MAKE NATO
RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS. END SUMMARY.

2. AS INDICATED IN STATE 252336, DTG 210024Z OCT 77,
WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT CHANGE IN PROCEDURE
BECAUSE THE CONSEQUENCES ARE NOT AT ALL CLEAR. REFTEL
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PROVIDES NO CLARIFICATION AT ALL ON KEY POINTS,
I.E. EXTENT OR NUMBER OF POSSIBLE APPEALS AND NATO
BUDGETARY IMPLICATIONS.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE SPECIFIC CASE THAT PROMPTED
THE SYG'S INITIATIVE, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE FRENCH ARE
ENTIRELY RESPONSIBLE, FOR THE DISMISSAL OF MME.

CHARPENTIER. WE NOTE THAT IT IS NOT CLEAR WHETHER
THE FRENCH ARE PREPARED TO TAKE THE RESPONSIBILITY
FOR THEIR ACTIONS OR WHETHER THEY WILL TRY TO SHOULDER

NATO WITH THE RESPONSIBILITY AND POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES
WHICH COULD ALSO INVOLVE CONSIDERABLE NATO EXPENDITURES.

4. IN VIEW OF THE ABOVE, AND ADDITIONAL FACTS OUTLINED
IN REF. B, WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE SYG'S
PROPOSAL.

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